

HO-1053

David & Gertrude Donovan House
1690 Woodstock Road
Private

Description:

The David & Gertrude Donovan House is a 2 1/2-story, three-bay by three-bay frame structure with narrow novelty siding with corner boards on the first story and wood shingles on the second story and gable ends. The roof is gabled, with a southwest-northeast ridge, and is hipped on the southwest end with a cross gable on the east bay of the front and a turret on the south bay of the front that contains an octagonal roof. There is a two-bay by two-bay, two-story ell on the rear of the house that has a gable roof with a northwest-southeast ridge. The roof has asphalt architectural shingles. There is a single brick chimney in the center of the building. All of the windows have plain head-cut trim. The southeast elevation has the turret projecting on the south corner. The center bay of the first story contains a wood paneled door. The east bay is a three-sided bay, with the center being narrow and having no openings, while the angled sides each contain a one-over-one sash. This is topped with a gable that has a kick at the eave, and the corners of the gable, where they overhang the angled walls of the bay, are supported by solid wood brackets. There is a front porch that covers the east and center bays and extends to the east face of the turret. The southwest elevation has a projecting center bay on the second story, creating an open porch on the first story. There is a kick between the first and second stories.

Significance:

The lot on which the David & Gertrude Donovan House sits was purchased by Donovan, shortly before his marriage to Gertrude Boucher, in 1900 for \$250 and was mortgaged that year to the Perpetual Building Association of Woodstock because they advanced him \$2,500. This money must have been for the construction of the existing house. The Donovans built a picturesque Queen Anne structure with varied materials, projecting bays and turrets with angles and kicks, and a complex roof line, all of which were meant to break up the mass of the building. This was accomplished, in this case, on a moderately-sized house. The Queen Anne was especially popular in the last quarter of the nineteenth century but continued to be built in Maryland in the first decade of the twentieth. David Donovan and his brother kept a store in Woodstock, at least as early as the 1890s, and David served as postmaster. The house is a very good example of the Queen Anne style, a building type that is not well represented in Howard County.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic David & Gertrude Donovan House

other

2. Location

street and number 1690 Woodstock Road not for publication

city, town Woodstock X vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Bernard & Nalan Gainer

street and number 1690 Woodstock Road telephone

city, town Woodstock state MD zip code 21163

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 2541 folio 373

city, town Ellicott City tax map 10 tax parcel 134 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> agriculture	Contributing
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u> </u> landscape	Noncontributing
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> commerce/trade	<u> 1 </u>
<u> </u> site		<u> </u> defense	<u> 0 </u>
<u> </u> object		<u>X</u> domestic	<u> 0 </u>
		<u> </u> education	<u> 0 </u>
		<u> </u> funerary	<u> 0 </u>
		<u> </u> government	<u> 1 </u>
		<u> </u> health care	<u> 0 </u>
		<u> </u> industry	<u> 0 </u>
		<u> </u> recreation/culture	<u> 0 </u>
		<u> </u> religion	<u> 0 </u>
		<u> </u> social	<u> 0 </u>
		<u> </u> transportation	<u> 0 </u>
		<u> </u> work in progress	<u> 1 </u>
		<u> </u> unknown	<u> 0 </u>
		<u> </u> vacant/not in use	<u> 0 </u>
		<u> </u> other:	<u> 0 </u>
			<u> 0 </u>

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

 0

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Summary:

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Description:

The David & Gertrude Donovan House is located at 1690 Woodstock Road about ½ mile southwest of Woodstock in north-central Howard County, Maryland. The house sits on a lot that gently slopes down to the northwest, facing southeast toward Woodstock Road, and is set back from the road with a circular drive in front of it. The house is a 2 ½-story, three-bay by three-bay frame structure with narrow novelty siding with corner boards on the first story and wood shingles on the second story and gable ends. The roof is gabled, with a southwest-northeast ridge, and is hipped on the southwest end with a cross gable on the east bay of the front and a turret on the south bay of the front that contains an octagonal roof. There is a two-bay by two-bay, two-story ell on the rear of the house that has a gable roof with a northwest-southeast ridge. The roof has asphalt architectural shingles. There is a single brick chimney in the center of the building. All of the windows have plain head-cut trim.

The southeast elevation has the turret projecting on the south corner. The south elevation has a new six-over-six sash on both stories. The southeast elevation has a short single-light square sash on the first story and an oval window with nine lights on the second story. The east elevation of the turret has a one-over-one sash on the first story and a new six-over-six sash on the second story. The center bay of the first story contains a wood paneled door, while the second story has no opening. The east bay is a three-sided bay, with the center being narrow and having no openings, while the angled sides each contain a one-over-one sash on the first story and a new six-over-six sash on the second story. This is topped with a gable that has a kick at the eave, and the corners of the gable, where they overhang the angled walls of the bay, are supported by solid wood brackets that have five quarter-round cuts on the

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front face. There is a front porch that covers the east and center bays and extends to the east face of the turret. It has square posts with curved sawn brackets that have fan-patterned cutouts in them. The railings have square balusters and the roof is virtually flat.

The northeast elevation has three six-over-six sash on both stories and paired six-over-six sash in the gable end. There is a slight projection of the gable at the eave line, with a moulding below the projection, and a deeper projection just above the gable-end sash, with exposed joist ends. The northeast elevation of the ell has two windows on both stories.

The southwest elevation has a projecting center bay on the second story, creating an open porch on the first story. There is a kick between the first and second stories, and two one-over-one sash on the second story. The bay has a short gable with a single window, and the ridge runs back to the hip on this side of the roof. To the south of this bay there is a single window on the first story, with no opening on the second story. The south bay is the turret, and it has no openings on either story of the southwest elevation. The west bay has an addition on the second story, set on wood posts, with a virtually flat roof.

The northwest elevation has been altered on the first story, with a sliding glass door that opens out onto a large modern wood deck. The second story has two windows.

There are no other buildings on the property.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1900-01

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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David Donovan and his brother kept a store in Woodstock, at least as early as the 1890s, and David served as postmaster. He defaulted on the mortgage on the property and it was sold in 1906 to Abbie Gaither. At that time the property was "improved by a modern dwelling containing ten rooms and bath, and necessary outbuildings." A few years later Gaither sold it to Richard Davis of W., who owned the house for the next 39 years and probably lived there the entire time. The house is a very good example of the Queen Anne style, a building type that is not well represented in Howard County.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2 A
Acreage of historical setting 2 A
Quadrangle name Sykesville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 10, parcel 134, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

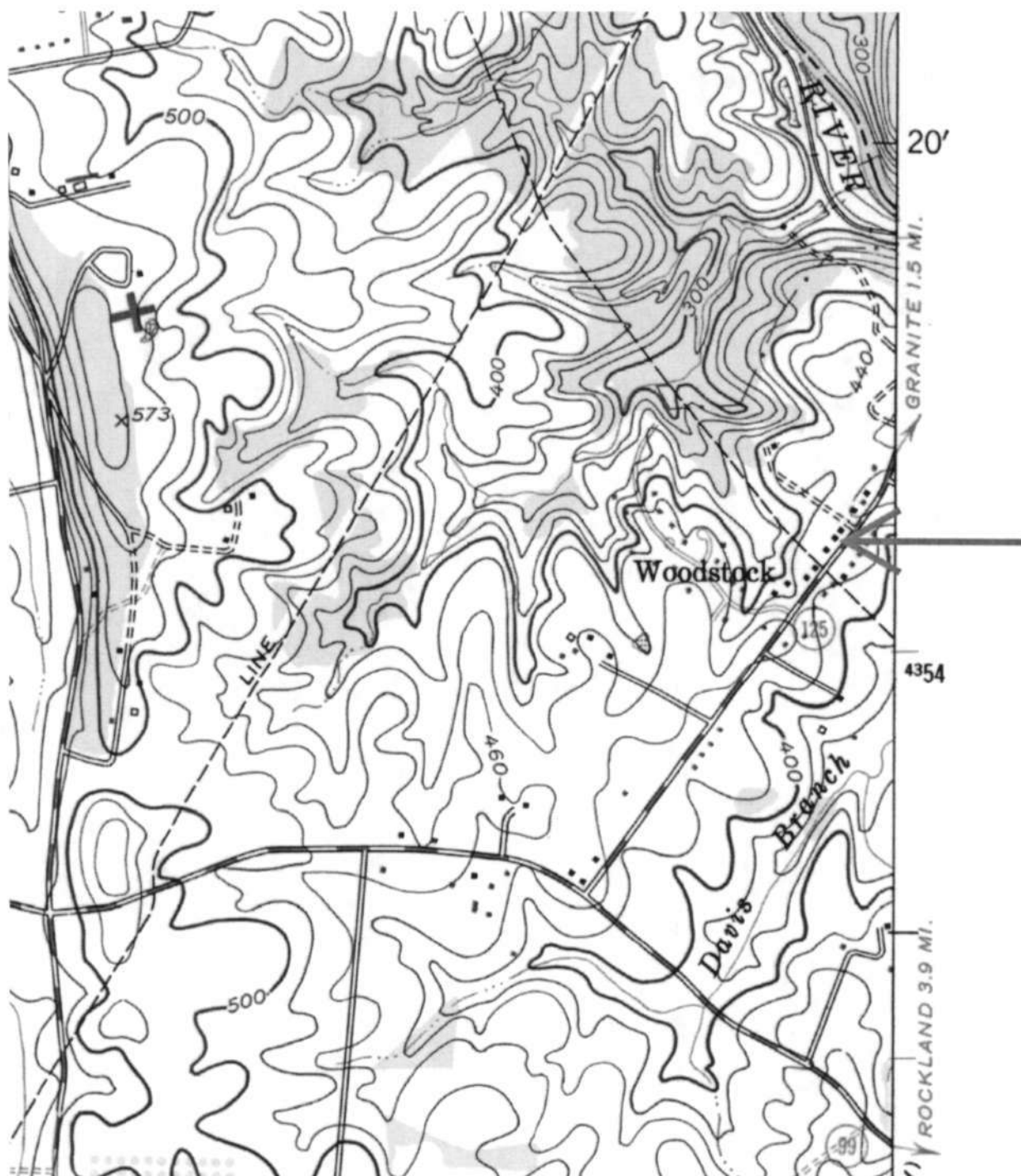
11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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David & Gertrude Donovan House
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Sykesville quad

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David & Gertrude Donovan House
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Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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Southeast & northeast elevations

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Southwest & southeast elevations



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